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GROUP ART UNIT 2644

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed : October 29, 1999  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 7, 2004,  
Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 7 of this Amendment.